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1. WE AGREE WITH THE DEPARTMENT, GENERALLY, THAT INCREASED
JAPANESE ACTIVITY IN RELATION TO TTPI IS EITHER INEVITABLE
OR CANNOT BE PREVENTED. IT HAS SEEMED TO US THAT ALMOST ALL
JAPANESE INTERESTS EMERGING IN ISLANDS HAVE BEEN LINKED WITH
PRIVATE JAPANESE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING TOURISM, AND
GRAVES MISSIONS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. WE HAVE SEEN NO EVI-
DENCE THAT GOJ INTEREST THUS FAR HAS RESULTED BASICALLY FROM
ANYTHING BUT THESE ESSENTIALLY PRIVATE INTERESTS. WE DO NOT
BELIEVE THAT THE GOJ HAS CHANGED ITS ATTITUDE OR POLICIES
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FROM THE CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE USG REGARDING THE TTPI

WHICH HAS CONSISTENTLY CHARACTERIZED THEIR BEHAVIOR WITH US SINCE WE FIRST COMMENCED BILATERAL ATTENTION TO THE VARIOUS TTPI PROBLEMS.

2. ALTHOUGH THE GRAVES MISSIONS, WHICH ARE PART OF HIGH JAPANESE VISIBILITY IN THE ISLANDS AT THE PRESENT, WILL PRESUMABLY TAPER

OFF, ECONOMIC ACTIVITY SEEMS TO US ALMOST CERTAIN TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE UNLESS CURTAILED BY TTPI (USG) AUTHORITY. THERE NO DOUBT ARE SERIOUS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN ISLAND ECONOMY AND THE KINDS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS THE JAPANESE SEEK TO DEVELOP. THESE PROBLEMS WILL NEED TO BE MONITORED AND WEIGHED AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE AND U.S. POLICY. WE DO NOT FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT THESE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES ARE LIKELY TO POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR US IN DEALING WITH THE GOJ CONCERNING THE TTPI.

3. OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOJ CARRY THE IMPRESSION THAT IT IS SENSITIVE TO ANY TRENDS THAT MAY LEAD THE GOJ INTO AN AWKWARD POSITION OF OFFICIAL INVOLVEMENT IN TTPI. AT PRESENT THE AREA OF GREATEST CONCERN TO THE GOJ IS THE RECURRENT, AND RECENTLY SLIGHTLY INCREASING, INTEREST OF DOMESTIC OPPOSITION ELEMENTS IN USING TTPI ISSUES TO EMBARRASS THE GOJ. PRINCIPALLY LED BY A FEW MEMBERS OF THE JSP, SOME OPPOSITION VOICES HAVE PICKED UP MICRONESIAN DEMANDS FOR LARGER CLAIMS PAYMENTS. THIS PRESSURE IS LOW FOR THE MOMENT, BUT THE GOJ FEELS VULNERABLE TO DEMANDS ON BEHALF OF THE MICRONESIANS BECAUSE OF THE LEGACY OF ATTITUDES STEMMING FROM THE WAR AND OTHER PRIMARILY DOMESTIC FACTORS.

4. AS INDICATED REFS A AND D, THE FONOFF IS UNCERTAIN HOW TO HANDLE THESE DEMANDS. IF THE GOJ IS FACED WITH SOME KIND OF LINK BETWEEN GRAVES MISSIONS AND REPARATIONS, AS MENTIONED REF B, OR IF PERSISTENT OPPOSITION PURSUIT OF THESE ISSUES CONTINUES, GOVERNMENT COULD CONCEIVABLY CONCLUDE THAT ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS TO THE MICRONESIANS WOULD BE WORTH IT.

5. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD EXAMINE THIS ISSUE
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NOW AND DECIDE OUR REACTION SHOULD GOJ FEEL COMPELLED TO BRING TO US SUGGESTION OF FURTHER CLAIMS PAYMENTS TO MICRONESIANS.
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